

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification (the "*Literal English Translation of P.C.T. Application No. PCT/CH2003/000695 With Article 19 Amendments*") as follows:

Page 1, between lines 3-4 (immediately beneath the Title of the Invention), please insert the following headings:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Technical Field of the Invention

Page 1, between lines 15-16 (between Paragraph Nos. 0001 - 0002), please insert the following heading:

Description of the Prior Art

Page 2, between lines 15-16 (between Paragraph Nos. 0002 - 0003), please insert the following paragraph:

The prior art includes European Patent Application No. 0,658,480 (Tetra Laval Holdings & Finance), which describes a seal having a small shoulder, at the bottom of the lid, which lifts an opening strip when the seal is swiveled open. The connection between this shoulder and the open strip then tears off and the opening strip, which seals the pre-punched hole, can be manually torn off. This strip, however, has to be separately torn off and does not tear when the lid is swiveled open. French Patent No. 2,738,552 (Rical SA) shows a seal with a similar structure, whereby a sealing foil covers its clearance opening. This foil is part of the seal

itself and is connected to it in one piece. When the lid is opened, this foil is torn out of the bottom part. Consequently, the lid does not tear out a sealing foil on the packaging material itself. Japan Patent Application 08-119265, Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 1996, No. 09 (Shikoku Kakoki Co. Ltd.), discloses a seal similar to those in the above-mentioned prior art.

Page 3, between lines 14-15 (between Paragraph Nos. 0003 - 0004), please insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 3, line 25 - Page 4, line 2 (Paragraph No. 0005), delete in its entirety, and substitute the following paragraph therefor:

The foregoing and related problems are solved, and objects achieved, by a spout seal for combipacks having a bottom part, which is intended to be fused onto a combipack with its level bottom side, and a circular, upwardly-projecting overhang which forms a pouring spout, with the overhang's inner side being open, and with a lid being molded onto the bottom part for swiveling upwardly via a hinge and downwardly onto the bottom part for sealing. The lid forms a mold bulging upwards, when open, which forms a level upper surface and which form-fits into a clearance opening in the bottom side of the bottom part, surrounded by the projecting lip, when the lid is closed and is flush with this bottom side or when the lid

projects downwards therefrom by up to 0.5 mm. The lid is connected via a film hinge to an L-shaped, moving-along swivel elbow by which the lid is connected to the bottom part via an additional film hinge, so that first leg of the L-shaped swivel elbow, which faces the bottom part, can be fused with a disk forming the bottom side of the bottom part when swiveled shut for the first time. The edge of the other leg, or second leg, of the L-shaped swivel elbow forms the swivel axis for swiveling the lid onto, and off of, the bottom part. Contrary to seals currently known to the prior art, the seal of the present invention can be fused onto a pack and offers a clearly visible initial opening guarantee. In addition, the lid of the invention is securely retained in an open position due to its geometry with the L-shaped swivel elbow.

Page 4, between lines 4-5 between Paragraph Nos. 0006 - 0007), please insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING FIGURES

Page 5, above line 1 (above Paragraph No. 0008), please insert the following heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING FIGURES  
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